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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CH, JA, VM
SUBJ: CHINESE COMMENTS ON PHAN HIEN RECENT TOUR

REF: TOKYO 12826

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON PFT TALKS (SEPTTEL), USLO OFFICER
ASKED A JAPANESE EMBOFF WHETHER PRC OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED
ANY VIEWS ON SRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN'S RECENT
VISIT TO TOKYO. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WHILE THE CHINESE HAD
NOT VOLUNTEERED ANY COMMENTS, JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS
HAD BRIEFED THEIR PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY COUNTERPARTS AFTER
CONCLUSION OF THE VISC. THE CHINESE LISTENED SILENTLY TO
THE JAPANESE PRESENTATION ON THEIR PLANNED AID PROGRAM,
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AND REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO ANY COMMENT.

2. WHEN THE JAPANESE BROUGHT UP HIEN'S REMARKS ON ASEAN,
HOWEVER, THE CHINESE REACTED FORCEFULLY. THEY DID NOT ACK-
NOWLEDGE THAT HIEN'S DROPPING OF THE MODIFIER "GENUINE" FROM
ITS SUPPORT FOR A SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZONE OF PEACE, INDEPENDENCE
AND NEUTRALITY HAD ANY SIGNIFICANCE, AND DECLARED THAT RECENT

VIETNAMESE MOVES TOWARD FRIENDSHIP WITH ASEAN WERE A TRICK
DESIGNED TO UNDERMINE THAT ORGANIZATION.

3. IN A RELATED COMMENT, JAPANESE EMBOFF STATED HIS UNDER-
STANDING THAT CHINESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG
WAS CURRENTLY COMPLETELY OCCUPIED WITH SINO-JAPANESE PFT
TALKS AND WOULD NOT GO TO HANOI FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
VIETNAMESE. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, HAN STILL REQUIRES MEDICAL
ATTENTION AND IS UNLIKELY TO BE TRAVELING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
ONE POSSIBILITY FOR THE AUGUST 8 HANOI TALKS WOULD BE VICE
FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN, THE SOVIET SPECIALIST WHO HAS BEEN
THROUGH NUMEROUS FRUITLESS BORDER NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET
NEGOTIATOR ILYCHEV. WOODCOCK

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